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NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 17th day of December, 1896, at NOON, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing a Resolution that the Company be WOUND UP voluntarily.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. M. HAY,
Manager.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1896. [2792]

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Mr. E. D. HILL
3.—Dancing Song and Chorus ... Magagni, from "Carillon d'Amour."
Song—Mr. GEO. P. LAMMERT.
4.—Song "Miss COXON."
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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 12th November, 1886. [22]

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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 9TH, 1886.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council held on Monday various topics of interest were raised, which we propose briefly to refer to in detail. In the first place, the Hon. T. H. Whitehead has given notice of his intention to ask at the next meeting whether the Government will appoint a Commission to report upon the advisability or otherwise of substituting for the present Opium Farm-bonded warehouses and a fixed duty on all opium not bona fide exported in a raw state. This is a large and important question which should receive close attention at the hands of the mercantile community. The farming system is necessarily attended with abuses and in various ways interferes with business. On the other hand, the establishment of bonded warehouses might be taken as the thin end of a wedge that might in time break up the freedom of the port. The case is therefore one of a choice of evils, but the bonded warehouse system would at least have the recommendation of being free from the moral objections attaching to the Opium Farm.

We come next to the Military Contribution Bill, in moving the second reading of which the Acting Attorney-General took the opportunity of disavowing my intention to transpire the patriotism of the unofficial members in the remarks he made on the occasion of the first reading. The supposed aspersions were constructive rather than direct, but when a body of gentlemen are appealed to do something as a matter of patriotism, and they decline to do it, it is not a strained inference that the person so appealing to them will not entertain a high opinion of their patriotism. Although Mr. Pollock's remarks on the subject of patriotism were indirect, we all know that he did not really mean anything offensive, but public

men engaged in public discussion are, according to the rules of the game, responsible for their own mistakes. There is, however, another point of more practical interest in Mr. Pollock's speech, and that is his declaration that in the remarks he made on the occasion in question he spoke entirely without any communication whatever with the Governor and only expressed, what he conceives he had a perfect right to express, his own personal views as an individual member of the Council. That is an entirely new doctrine. The Attorney-General when speaking in Council has always been understood to be the mouthpiece of the Government; if on any occasion he desires to speak in his individual capacity it is at least desirable that he should make a declaration to that effect, in order that there may be no misunderstanding as to the weight to be attached to what he says.

Some discussion arose on a little Bill intended to give the Postmaster-General power to inflict small fines on his subordinates for neglect of duty, the said fines to go into a fund to be expended in some way in the interests of the staff. The Hon. T. H. Whitehead and Hon. Mr. Ayuk objected to this power being conferred upon the Postmaster-General. It seems to us, however, that it is a very useful one, and that without some such power it would be difficult if not impossible to maintain proper discipline amongst a large body of men. The only criticism that suggests itself to us is that while a system of small fines may be useful in the lower grades of the service it is inapplicable to the higher grades, for a highly paid clerk who requires to be mulcted in petty fines cannot be considered fit for his position and ought to be dismissed. In the Post Office staff the only member exempted from the operation of the present Ordinance is the Assistant Postmaster-General.

In the Finance Committee Mr. Whitehead was as usual thirsty for information, but some of the officials took up the position of Mr. T. H. Barnacle Junior, and in effect said to the hon. gentleman: "You mustn't come here wanting to know, you know." The Colonial Secretary undertook, however, that the information should be forthcoming in due course, and we have no doubt, it will be useful. It will certainly be an advantage to know whether the Post Office is working at a profit or a loss, a fact which cannot be ascertained from the Estimates of any single year.

The unwonted spectacle was witnessed in the Finance Committee of an official opposing Government votes. The Captain Superintendent of Police objected to the vote for the Mount Kellett Road and that for gardeners' cottages, both on the same grounds, namely, that the money could be better employed in the improvement of the Police quarters. While congratulating Mr. May on his independence we must confess that we do not think it desirable that officials should be allowed to oppose the Government, nor, waiving that point, can we admit the justice of Mr. May's arguments. If the hon. gentleman had urged, when the Military Contribution Bill was before the Council, that the colony could not afford to give 17½ per cent of its revenue for military purposes he would have had some reason on his side, but, having been an ardent supporter of the Embassies demanding political liberty, and concluding with "Down with the tyrant,"

the report of the Finance Committee was as follows:—

"The Committee were unanimous in the opinion that it could not accept any responsibility in connection with the references to its proceedings that have appeared in the public press, and that they would not for a moment think of adopting its proceedings as a medium of communicating its proceedings to His Excellency the Governor. I am further to add that the Committee expressed their desire that the Post Office should be exempted from the operation of the new Postmaster-General's powers."

An extract from the Committee's minutes was enclosed, from which it appears that at a meeting held on the 24th September, 1885, the Hon. C. P. Chater moved, and Mr. A. McConachie seconded: "This Committee is in favour of inviting public competition in awarding a premium to the most suitable plan for the proposed new Government Buildings." The Chairman (the Director of Public Works) moved as an amendment: "That this Committee is in favour of the plans, etc., being prepared by the Director of Public Works and of inviting public competition and awarding a premium for the most suitable plans and designs."

The Secretary's reply is dated the 23rd September, 1885, and the second paragraph was as follows:—

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On the 14th July, 1886, the Colonial Secretary forwarded to the Committee the extract from the Secretary of State's despatch of the 5th June, 1886, in which Mr. Chamberlain desired to receive further information as to the necessity of the buildings and to be more fully satisfied as to the financial ability of the colony to meet the expense of the new Government Buildings."

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"That this Committee is in favour of the plans, etc., being prepared by the Director of Public Works and of inviting public competition and awarding a premium for the most suitable plans and designs respectively."

His Excellency approved of the premium suggested, and particularly commended the competition prepared by the Director of Public Works, and the action of the Committee.

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The report is dated the 23rd November, 1886, and is signed by the Hon. T. H. Chater (Chairman), Hon. A. M. Thompson, Hon. C. P. Chater, Mr. A. McConachie, and Mr. T. H. Whitehead. The first part of the report is the Committee's despatch, and in the second part a detailed report of the despatch in which Mr. Chamberlain approved of the proposal to invite competitive designs does not appear to have been communicated to the Committee.

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At the last meeting of Council on 5th ult. I gave notice of the following question:—

"Will the Government inform the Council whether the Imperial Chinese Maritime Commission with information concerning permits issued for the export from the colony of arms and ammunition?"

A copy of the correspondence was duly circulated by me among the firms interested in the trade, &c., & I am sending a copy of the letter and a copy of the letter concerning the same to the Imperial Chinese Maritime Commission for the information of the members of the Chamber and of the public. I am, faithfully,

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Dear Sirs.—*

The answer to your question is that the Police Department only gives notice when there is an abnormal supply.

I will tell the Colonial Secretary to send you an official answer. Yours truly,

W. ROBINSON.

Hongkong, 7th Sept., 1886.

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1896. [2764]

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. [293]

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